



Minutes of the Regular Meeting
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, September 7, 2005
Eldorado Park Community Center, Room 5
2311 N. Miller Road

Present: Chairperson Donn Loper, Vice-chair Dean Cerimeli, Commissioners Shelley Anderson and Ron King

Absent: Commissioners John Faramelli and Stephen Owens

Staff present: Johanna Bookbinder, Leslie Clark, Kathleen Corea, Liz Hildenbrand, and William Murphy

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Loper called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chairperson Loper asked everyone to observe a moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Vice-chair Cerimeli moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting July 6, 2005 as submitted. Commissioner Anderson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

COSPONSORSHIP REQUEST – WOMEN IN NEW RECOVERY FUNDRAISER

Kathleen Corea, Assistant Recreation Coordinator, Facility Booking Office, provided the Commission with the Women in New Recovery request for City co-sponsorship. The organization is raising money through a 1 and 5k walk, which helps with additional funding for local Women in New Recovery programs. The event is scheduled for December 4, 2005. Participants will walk through Eldorado and Vista del Camino Parks. Out-of-pocket park costs for the event is \$160.00 and will be paid by the applicant. The City would waive facility use fees of \$445. Nick Pelligrino, Fundraiser Chairperson, and Brenda Young, Program Manager for Women in New Recovery gave an overview of the program and the event.

Commissioner Anderson noted the Facility Use Permit says “beer only” and wondered why. Ms. Corea explained this is standard language that appears on every contract. This event will not have any alcohol. Commissioner Anderson asked how many are expected to attend. Mr. Pelligrino said about 300 to 400 people are expected.

Vice-chair Cerimeli asked if there is a facility in Mesa. Ms. Young said there was.

Chairperson Loper asked exactly what it is the organization does. Ms. Young said it is a peer driven model 7-month program based on the 12-Step program. It is structured and disciplined. The organization works with probation but also takes individual calls for help. There are no professional staff members, and counseling is out-sourced. Classes are run by professionals. There is after-care for up to 2 years or longer if necessary. Chairperson Loper asked what is organization's goal. Ms. Young said it was to lay down a foundation for recovery and to return clients to society.

Commissioner Anderson asked why the group decided to walk in Scottsdale. Mr. Pelligrino indicated more people may participate. He had spoken with a former councilman who encouraged him to have the event in Scottsdale.

Vice-chair Cerimeli asked where the organization's funding comes from. Ms. Young said it is a non-profit organization with no outside funding. Vice-chair Cerimeli asked what happens if participants break the rules. Ms. Young said there are 7 rules that get a participant automatically discharged. There are consequences for offenses that coincide with the severity of the offense. If a client relapses they are discharged from the program.

Chairperson Loper asked what the funds raised will go to. Ms. Young said many different things including childcare.

Commissioner King suggested we look again at the City Code and possibly change it to allow us to cover all costs. William Murphy, Director of Parks & Grounds Management, said that staff will look at that again and re-evaluate it during the Fees and Charges process. *That policy is established and brought forward for approval by the City Council each year.* Commissioner Anderson noted the group is using city land to bring in others from other cities to participate with expenses involved. She would dissent on this issue and thinks the fees are appropriate.

Vice-chair Cerimeli moved to approve the co-sponsorship request from Women in New Recovery and waive the out facility use fees of \$445 as submitted. Commissioner Anderson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

REPEAL EXISTING BYLAWS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO GOVERN THE AFFAIRS OF THE COMMISSION.

William Murphy, Director of Parks & Grounds Management presented the proposed Rules and Regulations for the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Commission reviewed the first draft on June 1, 2005, suggested changes and asked for clarification on some points. The Commission again reviewed the revised document on July 6, 2005 and elected to table the item for more information. That information was sent to the Commission for their review and comments. Mr. Murphy reviewed for the Commission each section of the new Rules and Regulations.

Commissioner King moved to repeal the existing bylaws of the Parks and Recreation Commission and to adopt the new Rules and Regulations for the Commission, as presented. Vice-chair Cerimeli seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF CURRENT EVENTS (A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K))

William Murphy, Parks and Grounds Management Director, updated the Commission on the status of events and activities of the Parks and Recreation, and Parks and Grounds Management Divisions. Leslie Clark, Manager in Parks and Recreation, advised the Commission there are 51 Adapted Recreation registrants; Aquatics had over 6000 participants over the summer; there were 600 people in attendance at the Labor Day Luau at Eldorado Park; Swim lessons continue; McDowell Mountain Ranch is on schedule and 50% complete; CAP Basin Sports Complex is coming along. Commissioner King asked what the anticipated completion date was for the CAP Basin. Ms. Clark said the fall of 2006. Mr. Murphy said the construction will be completed by Thanksgiving 2005 and then preparation will begin for the FBR Open in January. Staff will then evaluate how well we did with the growing. Chairperson Loper asked if the bridge over Princess Drive is it open, and if not when. Mr. Murphy said it will be open for traffic before the FBR Open and will provide ability from Princess under the bridge for parking for the open. Commissioner Anderson noted it looks really good. Mr. Murphy said the design is to park on the grass but use the sidewalks as lanes and space between the fields during that time as entry and exit. Ms. Clark continued noting over 4000 children participated in summer programs; Leisure Education program registered just under 2,000 participants; there are 1,000 tennis and volleyball registrants at Indian School Park and Scottsdale Ranch Park; Facility Bookings reached over 590 for the summer with 26 commercial rentals. Mr. Murphy noted, with regard to the Stadium and Indian School Park renovation – the draining system has been installed on fields 3 and 4 and grading has been done on field 3; underground piping has been installed as well; we anticipate the

installation of the coring for the lights next week with grass planting in November; the Stadium locker room has been expanded as well as the novelty shop; the Arizona Fall League moved to Surprise, but we will try to get them back next fall; the 2nd phase of construction will impact fields 1 and 2 so the Stadium will be used less for special events to accommodate the construction and Giants minor league system moving to use the new stadium layout. Chairperson Loper asked why the Arizona Fall League moved. Mr. Murphy said it was due to the construction. Mr. Murphy continued and noted that all the city parks have been busy all summer with maintenance; overseeding will be done in October; the Downtown area continues with revitalization and upgrades. There will be an Open House at Chaparral Park on September 15th with CPM staff to discuss the Off Leash Area and provide an update on the plans for the park. The next regular meeting of the Commission will be October 5th at the Via Linda Senior Center and the Mescal issues will be on the agenda.

Chairperson Loper asked about the increase in tennis court fees and wondered if the Commission had any input on that. Mr. Murphy said the Commission did review the fees earlier in the year and approved them.

Mr. Murphy advised that Commissioner Ellis has resigned and the Mayor's office has been notified. Commissioner Owens' term is up in November also. Nominations for appointments will be in October with no fixed date as yet for appointments, but sometime this fall.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC (A.R.S. § 38-431.02)

Chairperson Loper called for any items from the floor or from the Commission.

Vice-chair Cerimeli would like to see a presentation on Chaparral Park including all phases of construction, timelines and budget information. He would also like a presentation on the budget for aging infrastructure.

Commissioner Anderson would like to hear about what is scheduled for land in the north area that is currently undeveloped and what other areas are available for north area parks.

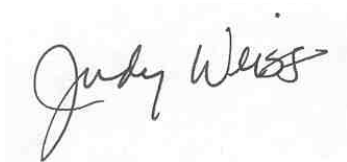
ADJOURNMENT

Vice-chair Cerimeli moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Anderson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

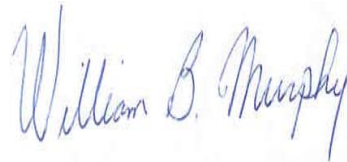
With no further business to be brought before the Commission, Chairperson Loper adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Johnson, Recording Secretary.

Meets established criteria.



Judy Weiss, Director
Parks and Recreation



William B. Murphy, Director
Parks and Grounds Management